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Please Note:

New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, all vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-301

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: July 13, 2006

Frozen Fruit, Announcement FV-301, Invitation 933

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell frozen fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to schools and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1 p.m., Central time, Thursday, July 20, 2006**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, July 27, 2006. Deliveries are to be made from August 16, 2006 through November 15, 2006.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Frozen Red (Seedless) Raspberry Puree 28 lb. pails 15,488 cases

- The product must be 100% grown, processed and packed in the United States from the 2005 or later crop year.
- All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.
- No offers will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.

Note: Effective August 1, 2005, Contractors are required to submit Annual Representations and Certifications via the Online Representation and Certifications Application (ORCA), a part of Business Partner Network (BPN). The internet address for registering in ORCA is <http://orca.bpn.gov>. The representations and certifications are effective until one year from the date of submission or update to ORCA. A revised abbreviated Appendix 1 dated August 2005 will be required for contractors registering via the ORCA system. A notice to the trade regarding this requirement was issued on June 28, 2005 at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/cp/tradenotices.htm>



However, Contractors who have previously (prior to August 1, 2005) submitted the Appendix 1 for calendar year 2005 will be relieved from the ORCA online registration until the expiration of their Appendix 1.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-301, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Frozen Fruit dated April 2004, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/ Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered to destination basis, subject to Announcement FV-301, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

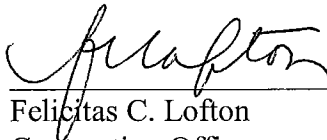
Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk.

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 INVITATION : 933
 COMM GROUP : 31 FRUIT, FROZEN
 COMM TYPE : 34 RASPBERRIES, RED, PUREE, FRZN
 PACK SIZE : 28 28 LB. PAILS

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
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DELIVERY PERIOD 08/16/06 - 08/31/06					
001	ELK RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	1,408	_____
002	ELK RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	1,408	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/01/06 - 09/15/06					
003	ELK RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	2,816	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/16/06 - 09/30/06					
004	ELK RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	4,224	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/01/06 - 10/15/06					
005	ELK RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	4,224	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/01/06 - 11/15/06					
006	ELK RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	1,408	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				15,488	

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